

Jennings County Commissioner Meeting
Government Annex Building, Commissioners Meeting Room
August 22, 2019 6:30PM

All members were present.

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge.

Dave Turner with the Sheriff's Office was first on the agenda. An opportunity to purchase five Dodge Durangos may be a possibility. The vehicles come from another police station so they come fully equipped minus the radio. The cost for five vehicles would be around \$125,000. Dave presented the idea of the Commissioners getting a loan to purchase the vehicles. These will be additional vehicles for the Sheriff's Office. Dave will work on the numbers and get back with the Commissioners. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow contingent upon Council finding funding. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Randy Shepherd, Fair Board President, was next on the agenda. He presented the Commissioners with an idea from Clayton Perry. Clayton has proposed to add a concrete chute going down to the track. Randy stated that Clayton would work up a sketch and do at his own expense. Randy said he would bring the Commissioners more information at the next meeting.

Nicci Lucas, Human Resource Director, presented the Commissioners with a packet outlining her job description. There is not a job description as Human Resource Director and Nicci would like to have one in place. Bob Willhite made a motion to table this until the next meeting. Dave Lane seconded. Motion was passed with a unanimous vote.

Jason Bliton, Jail Commander, presented the Commissioners with a budget estimate proposal for a modular jail facility. The modular system would help solve the overcrowding issue at the jail. A quote from Maxwell Construction was presented in the amount of \$2,746,589. The modular facility would contain 56 beds. The facility would sit on a permanent foundation. There is a warranty on everything with a 30 year warranty of the roof. This facility could have other uses if the jail population goes down. When asked about the completion time Jason said 6-9 months. Jason also spoke on the jail inspection. Other than the population of the jail, they passed on everything else. Matt Sporleder then asked Jason about the claim to Layman Fabrication for the 10 triple bunk beds. Matt explained that he told Auditor Salsman to take the claim in front of Council to see if it could be paid out of the Special Jail Tax or LIT. The Council took no action on the claim. Jason presented the idea of outsourcing all the jail meals to Canteen Kitchen. They would take care of all the

ordering and they are paid once a year. He is going to do some checking on numbers and get back with the Commissioners. Jason's last order of business was about a person wanting to work in the kitchen at the jail. This person has a criminal record dating back from 10-15 years. Acting County Attorney Chris Doran asked if he is eligible for expungement. Matt Sporleder advised Jason to talk with Human Resources.

Brad Monday was up next – Asking for authority of jurisdiction for rescue services. This falls under NFPA – creates standards how to perform operations under NFPA 1670 handout. NFPA is a committee of experts which come together and create census standards on how to perform. There is 3 levels of operational capabilities; technician, operations and awareness. They have 21 trained people from different agencies around the county. There is a dispute over if this is just water rescue or all types of rescue. Chris Doran, acting County Attorney, spoke to Ellie Bright, County Attorney, and they feel it is a bad idea. Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, agrees that the training is good. He doesn't agree with the authority part of it. Jerry said they have been moving into the Incident Command System from their old system. He is afraid that having a jurisdiction of authority would take away from what they currently have in place. There needs to be a standard operations procedure where the Rescue Team is alerted at the same time as the local townships. Jerry, the fire chiefs and 911 Director will meet and talk about this issue to come up with a solution. Matt and the board don't feel like they are knowledgeable enough about this topic to make a decision at this point. Jerry has agreed to call the above mentioned meeting.

Sherri Maschino spoke for Jim Reeves regarding a speed ordinance for County Road 500 S and 510 S between SR 3 & 7 S. There are 2 recommendations, 35 MPH and 40 MPH. Bob Willhite made a motion for 40 MPH, David Lane seconded. It passed unanimously. Bob Willhite made a motion to waive the first reading, David Lane seconded, passed unanimously. There is also an ordinance for a 3 way stop at County Road 510 S and 100 E. This was recommended by the Sheriff's Office and the School Corporation. Bob Willhite made a motion to make this a 3 way stop until road construction on State Road 7 is completed. David Lane seconded, passed unanimously. Bob Willhite made a motion to waive the first reading, David Lane seconded, passed unanimously. Sherri also reported they have sold \$165,000.00 of cold mix to other counties this year. She is asking for additional appropriations of \$165,000.00 to put back into paving line. Bob Willhite made the motion to approve this, David Lane seconded, passed unanimously. Sherri also requested \$10,000.00 additional appropriations (\$2500.00 for the next 4 months to cover utilities) for the Fairgrounds Fund. They had \$30,000.00 appropriated and they have gone through that. Matt asked about the Fair Board paying the electric bill during the fair. Randy Shepherd, Fair Board President, said he was unaware that

they were to pay that and doesn't feel they did last year. Matt Sporleder said that has always been in place. There is currently a little over \$10,000.00 in the account. The Army sent \$30,000.00 to the wrong place. We should be receiving this in the next week or two. When that money is received there will be \$40,000.00 in the account. Bob Willhite made a motion to allow the \$10,000.00 additional appropriations contingent upon County Council approval, David Lane seconded, passed unanimously.

Auditor Tessia Salsman reported that she has open position for Deputy #1. She was asking to move her other 2 Deputies up-including pay increase to those positions and hire a 3rd Deputy. She reported she has the budgeted amount for the position. Bob Willhite made the motion to approve the above, David Lane seconded, passed unanimously.

Matt Sporleder brought up the calendar for the Commissioners Meeting Room. There was previously a calendar outside of the room but there was also a calendar in the Auditor's Office. This caused confusion as it will get written on the calendar by the Meeting Room but not in the Auditor's Office. Creating a Google Calendar was mentioned and Tessia will look into this.

Bob Willhite made the motion to approve the prior minutes, David Lane seconded, passed unanimous. Bob Willhite made the motion to sign payroll and claims, David Lane seconded, passed unanimous.

Bob Willhite made the motion to adjourn the meeting, David Lane seconded, passed unanimous.



Tessia Salsman, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, Commissioner President



Robert Willhite, Commissioner Vice-President



Dave Lane, Commissioner